

Village of Sauget

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January 4, 1995

Ms. Carol Graszer Ropski  
Emergency Support Section  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (HSE-5j)  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: General Notice of Potential Liability and  
Request for Information  
Sauget Area 2, Site Q (formerly known as the Sauget &  
Company Landfill), Sauget, Illinois

Dear Ms. Ropski:

On behalf of, and as counsel for, the Village of Sauget, Illinois (the "Village"), I am writing to respond to the above-referenced General Notice of Potential Liability and Request for Information, dated December 16, 1994, regarding the property denoted as Sauget Area 2, Site Q. The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 ("U.S. EPA") granted the Village an extension of time to respond to the General Notice until January 4, 1994 (see December 22, 1994 letter to C. Graszer Ropski from M. Cyze).

The Village reviewed the General Notice letter and has determined that it is not a responsible party for Site Q. The Village never owned or operated Site Q, nor did the Village generate or transport hazardous substances that were disposed of at the Site, within the meaning of Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 9601 *et. seq.*, as amended ("CERCLA"). Accordingly, the Village cannot and does not extend an offer to the U.S. EPA to perform or to finance the response activities described in the General Notice letter concerning Site Q. However, as the municipality within whose jurisdiction Site Q is located, the Village would appreciate being kept informed of the U.S. EPA's activities in connection with the Site and, if the Village can lend any administrative assistance in the coordination or planning of the Site response activities, we are willing to cooperate as appropriate.

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On Page 2 of the General Notice letter, the U.S. EPA referred to having "received information that your company may have owned or operated or generated or transported hazardous substances that were disposed of at the Site." If the reference to "your company" is intended to pertain to the Village, then the information is contrary to the Village's information concerning its lack of any such involvement with the Site.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, we request that the U.S. EPA disclose to us, and produce any documentation of, the information concerning the Village which is referred to in the General Notice letter or which otherwise led the U.S. EPA to conclude that the Village might be a potentially responsible party for the Site. Please contact the undersigned to arrange for the disclosure and/or production of such information as soon as it is available.

The General Notice letter also requested that the Village indicate the appropriate name, address and telephone number for further contact purposes. The Village representative who will serve as its contact person is:

Harold G. Baker, Jr.  
Village Attorney

We would also appreciate the U.S. EPA copying Richard J. Kissel of our firm on any correspondence to the Village, and if Mr. Baker is unavailable, you can contact Mr. Kissel at (312) 245-8721.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this response, please contact Mr. Kissel.

Very truly yours,

*Harold G. Baker, Jr.*

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